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TAGS: PEPR, PL, YO  
SUBJ: VISIT OF STANE DOLANC TO POLAND

1. SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE LEAGUE OF YUGOSLAV COMMUNISTS (LYC) STANE DOLANC WAS IN POLAND  
FROM FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 3 AT THE INVITATION OF THE CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS' PARTY (PZPR). BOSKO SELEGOVIC  
,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
LYC AND VLADISLAV OBRADOVIC, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE LYC ACCOMPANIED DOLANC.

2. DOLANC HELD TALKS IN THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS ON  
FEBRUARY 28 WITH PZPR POLITBURO MEMBER EDWARD BABIUCH, SECRETARY OF  
THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PZPR AND DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC  
DEPARTMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ZBIGNIEW ZIELINSKI, AND DEPUTY  
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DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE PZPR, LUCJAN PIATKOWSKI.

3. EDWARD GIEREK, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE PZPR, RECEIVED DOLANC AND  
SELEGOVIC ON MARCH 1. JERZY WASZCZUK, DIRECTOR OF THE CHANCERY OF  
THE PZPR SECRETARIAT, AS WELL AS YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR TO POLAND  
MIHAILO SVABIC, ATTENDED THE MEETING. ACCORDING TO POLISH MEDIA

ACCOUNTS OF THE SESSION, SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED "CRUCIAL PROBLEMS  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION," BILATERAL COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY  
IN ECONOMIC AREAS, AND "WAYS OF EXPANDING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE  
PZPR AND THE LYC."

4. ON MARCH 1, DOLANC, ACCOMPANIED BY BABIUCH, TOURED THE CEGIELSKI  
FACTORY IN POZNAN AND A MODEL COLLECTIVE FARM IN POZNAN PROVINCE.  
OBRADOVIC CONSULTED WITH RYSZARD FRELEK, SECRETARY OF THE PZPR AND  
DIRECTOR OF THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.  
AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES  
FOR 1978-1979.

5. ALL OF THE ABOVE COMES FROM THE WARSAW PRESS. WE HAVE PICKED UP  
SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES, BUT MOSTLY ON WHAT  
THE POLES TOLD THE YUGOSLAVS RATHER THAN WHAT BOTH SIDES SAID. THE  
DOLANC VISIT WAS APPARENTLY LONG IN THE MAKING. THE INVITATION  
HAD BEEN OUTSTANDING FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS, AND DOLANC ORIGINALLY  
PLANNED TO COME TO POLAND LAST AUTUMN. THE VISIT WAS POSTPONED FOR  
UNKNOWN REASONS, AND THE MARCH DATE WAS THE FIRST MUTUALLY CONVENIENT  
TIME IT COULD BE RESCHEDULED. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE THREE  
MAIN TOPICS ON THE AGENDA WERE: A) BILATERAL RELATIONS, B) THE INTER-  
NAL SITUATION IN BOTH COUNTRIES, AND C) MULTILATERAL MATTERS.  
CONTRARY TO WHAT WAS SUGGESTED IN THE POLISH MEDIA, ECONOMIC MATTERS  
DID NOT FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN THE TALKS.

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6. THE DISCUSSION ON BILATERAL TIES WAS EVIDENTLY BRIEF. BOTH  
SIDES AGREED THAT POLISH-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS WERE GOOD AND RELATIVELY  
PROBLEM-FREE. (COMMENT: THIS COMES FROM THE USUALLY WELL-INFORMED  
ROMANIAN DCM IN WARSAW, WHO ADDED THAT POLES AND OTHER EASTERN  
EUROPEANS HAVE LONG SINCE QUIT CHIDING THE MAVERICK YUGOSLAV  
AND ROMANIAN PARTIES ON IDEOLOGICAL GROUNDS. THESE DIFFERENCES  
ARE BY AND LARGE PAPERED OVER DURING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. END  
COMMENT. THE POLES

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AND YUGOSLAVS REACHED AGREEMENT ON DATES FOR A VISIT BY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK TO YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN MAY, JUST BEFORE THE YUGOSLAV PARTY CONGRESS. (FOR PRAGUE: WE HAVE HEARD THAT GIEREK IS ALSO COMING TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA LATER IN MARCH.)

7. THE POLES REPORTEDLY GAVE THE YUGOSLAVS AN OPTIMISTIC ACCOUNT OF THEIR INTERNAL SITUATION. THEY SAID THEY HAD ACHIEVED SOME SUCCESS IN CUTTING BACK IMPORTS, BOOSTING EXPORTS, AND BRINGING INVESTMENTS UNDER CONTROL. ALSO, THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FOR THIS YEAR IS BETTER. BUT THEY CONTINUE TO WORRY ABOUT FALLING PRICES FOR THEIR RAW MATERIAL EXPORTS AND ABOUT PROTECTIONISM IN THE WEST. THEY BELIEVE THE "MORE-OF-THE-SAME" ECONOMIC POLICIES ENDORSED DURING LAST MONTH'S NATIONAL PARTY CONFERENCE WILL START PRODUCING RESULTS IN ANOTHER 2 TO 3 YEARS. THE POLES ARE ALSO PLEASED WITH THE WAY CHURCH-STATE DEVELOPMENTS HAVE GONE, PARTICULARLY FOLLOWING GIEREK'S VISIT TO THE VATICAN LAST FALL AND THE IMPROVED DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE FIRST SECRETARY AND THE CARDINAL. AS FOR DISSIDENTS,  
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POLISH HOSTS SAID THEY WERE NOT WORRIED. THE GROUPS WHICH EXIST ARE FRAGMENTED AND HAVE NOT ATTRACTED SUPPORT FROM THE CHURCH OR FROM THE POPULATION AT LARGE. (COMMENT: NO INFORMATION ON WHAT THE YUGOSLAVS SAID IN RESPONSE. END COMMENT.)

8. ON THE INTERNATIONAL MATTERS, BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT'S MID-EAST INITIATIVE IS GOING NOWHERE AND THE ONLY SENSIBLE THINK TO DO IS TO RECONVENE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. THE POLES ALLEGEDLY  
Y  
SAID THEY WERE NOT TAKING SIDES IN THE FIGHTING BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND BETWEEN SOMALIA AND VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. (COMMENT: THIS COMES SECOND-HAND FROM A YUGOSLAV EMBASSY SOURCE AND IS QUESTIONABLE IN VIEW OF BIASED POLISH MEDIA COVERAGE OF BOTH CONFLICTS AND OF FOREIGN

MINISTER WOJTASZEK'S RECENT VISIT TO VIETNAM. IT IS TRUE, HOWEVER, THAT OFFICIAL POLISH COMMENTARY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN BOTH DISPUTES HAS BEEN MUTED. END COMMENT.) ON RELATIONS WITH OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THE POLES EXPLAINED THAT FOR HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL REASONS THEIR PRIORITIES NECESSARILY LIE WITH THE GDR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. WITH THE WEST, THEY SAID RELATIONS WITH THE US AND FRANCE WERE BOTH "VERY GOOD", AND THEY GAVE A VERY POSITIVE ASSESSMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECEMBER VISIT TO WARSAW.

9. COMMENT: THE POLISH OFFICIALS WE HAVE TALKED WITH ABOUT LAST WEEK'S VISIT ALL ASSUME THAT DOLANC IS THE LIKELY SUCCESSOR TO TITO. THEY WERE THEREFORE VERY ANXIOUS TO PAY PROPER ATTENTION TO HIM AND TO MAKE HIS VISIT A SUCCESS. APPARENTLY THEY SUCCEEDED. END COMMENT.  
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